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SUBJECT: TROUBLES IN HANGCHOW

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- 1. ONE SIGN THAT THE PROBLEMS IN HANGCHOW CITED IN REFTELS HAVE NOT BEEN SETTLED IS THE CONTINUED RELUCTANCE OF THE PRC TO ALLOW PEKING-BASED DIPLOMATS TO VISIT THE CITY. NUMEROUS REQUESTS TO VISIT HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN IN RECENT WEEKS. IN ONE PARTICULARLY UNUSUAL CASE, A BRITISH VICE CONSUL HAD RECEIVED PERMISSION TO VISIT THIS WEEK ON A CONSULAR CALL ONLY TO HAVE THE PERMISSION CANCELLED AT THE LAST MINUTE.
- 2. THE CHINESE HAVE HOWEVER ALLOWED VISITS TO CONTINUE FOR CERTAIN NON-CHINESE SPEAKING PERSONS FROM OUTSIDE CHINA. WE KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE THAT TWO AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN FROM HONG KONG TRAVELLING WITH A LARGE GROUP, A JAPANESE TOURIST DELEGATION AND A SWEDISH BUSINESS GROUP HAVE STOPPED IN HANGCHOW TO ADMIRE THE SCENERY IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. THESE VISITORS HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORTED THE STREETS ARE CLEAR AND THERE ARE NO OBVIOUS

SIGNS THAT THE CITY IS UNDERGOING A MAJOR POLITICAL UPHEAVAL.

ANOTHER POSSIBLE SIGN THAT THINGS ARE FAIRLY CALM ON THE

SURFACE IS THAT THE CHINESE ON AUGUST 4 REPORTEDLY OFFERED TO INCLUDE

HANGCHOW IN CODEL PERCY'S ITINERARY. (THE CODEL REPORTEDLY

DECLINED, BUCKING FOR SOOCHOW INSTEAD.)

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